

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| <i>In re</i> Application of: | § | Confirmation No. 2666 |
| Bloom and Amelio | § | |
| | § | Group Art Unit: 1636 |
| Application No.: 10/590,136 | § | |
| | § | Examiner: HIBBERT, Catherine S. |
| Filed: November 22, 2006 | § | |
| | § | Customer No. 27683 |
| For: INSULATED HERPES VIRUS-DERIVED GENE | § | |
| EXPRESSION CASSETTES FOR SUSTAINED | § | Attorney Docket No. 36689.259 |
| AND REGULATABLE GENE EXPRESSION | § | |

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C. F. R. § 1.114; AMENDMENT; AND
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 4, 2010

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to accept the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), enter the amendment herein, and consider the remarks herein in response to the Final Official Action ("the Action") dated August 4, 2010.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of Three Months, to and including February 4, 2011, is filed electronically herewith, along with payment of the estimated fee of \$960 by credit card to render the present Request and amendment timely. Please charge any additionally-required fee(s) for this submission (or credit any overpayment to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order No. 37182.101).

Should any additional fees be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to

charge any such fees (or credit any overpayments) to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account
No. 08-1394, Order No. 36689.259.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

The **Response/Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.